

A Collection of “Quotes” on the Weather by Kids

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Science Quotes from Kids, Beguiling ideas about science quoted here were gleaned from essays, exams, and classroom discussions. Most were from 5th and 6th graders. They illustrate Mark Twain's contention that the 'most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop.'



You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it you got hit, so never mind.

Rainbows are just to look at, not to really understand.

While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifugating.

South America has cold summers and hot winters, but somehow they still manage.

Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the daytime.

Water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees. There are 180 degrees between freezing and boiling because there are 180 degrees between north and south.

Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers.

In looking at a drop of water under a microscope, we find there are twice as many H's as O's.

Clouds are high flying fogs.

I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.

Clouds just keep circling the earth around and around. And around.

There is not much else to do.

Water vapor gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.

Humidity is the experience of looking for air and finding water. We keep track of the humidity in the air so we won't drown when we breathe.

Rain is often known as soft water, oppositely known as hail.

Rain is saved up in cloud banks.

A blizzard is when it snows sideways.

A hurricane is a breeze of a bigly size.

A monsoon is a French gentleman.

Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

Isotherms and isobars are even more important than their names sound.

It is so hot in some places that the people there have to live in other places.

The wind is like the air, only pushier.

Words by Mike Colby

Skywarn Recognition Day

The NWS in Eureka recently participated in National Skywarn Recognition Day. The Event celebrated the contributions Ham Radio Operators make to the NWS. The goal of this event was to make as many radio contacts as possible in a 24 hour period. As it turned out, atmospheric conditions supporting long distance ham radio contacts were poor. However, we still managed to reach areas from Tombstone, AZ to Grand Junction, CO to San Antonio, Tx to Pocatello, ID during this 24 hour period. Many thanks to the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club for “working the radios” during this event. With help from a few of the local hams, the NWS plans to install a new dipole antenna soon, this should allow more efficient radio propagation in an east to west direction, and help us to make even more contacts during the next SKYWARN event. Another future goal of the NWS, is to incorporate “packet” radio as part of an observation network through which weather observations are relayed to the NWS, via digital data sent on amateur radio waves. Stay tuned, and if you have any questions about ham radio activities in the NWS, send an email to www.michael.colby@noaa.gov.